



NOAA FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT ALASKA DIVISION



"Excellence in protecting our nation's living marine resources"

Mission: We are dedicated to excellent service through partnerships that build trust, protect marine resources, create a safe environment, reduce crime, and enhance the overall quality of life for all Americans.

About Us: NOAA Fisheries Enforcement consists of 170 dedicated men and women stationed along the coastal states. We are charged with enforcing the laws, which protect our nation's living marine resources. We are charged with developing and carrying out all enforcement within NOAA's jurisdiction. There are at least 29 different acts and statutes which require enforcement activities by NOAA.

Our primary statutory authorization for management of fishery resources, including both domestic and specified international fisheries, is the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act). Under this Act, our responsibilities extend throughout the 200-mile U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and include limited jurisdiction for the conservation and protection of anadromous species, all continental shelf fisheries resources, and highly migratory species extending beyond the EEZ.

Other statutes include the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which protects threatened or endangered species and their habitats and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), which regulates taking, harassing or importing marine mammals. The National Marine Sanctuaries Act creates marine sanctuaries that require special enforcement approaches to meet their goals, while the Lacey Act prohibits fishery transactions that violate state, Federal, Native American, or foreign laws.

OLE administers enforcement responsibilities from its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, through and with the agency's five regions: Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, Northwest, and Alaska. Command and control is provided by the Silver Spring office. Operations in each field Division are conducted under the supervision of a Special Agent in Charge (SAC). We work closely with the state enforcement as well as the U.S. Coast Guard.

What are the jobs?

Enforcement Officer GS-5/9, Special Agent GS-5/11, computer specialists, technicians and administrative staff.

What do these people do?

Enforcement Officers are the uniformed patrol/inspection arm of our enforcement program. They monitor vessel offloads, inspect plants and records, and patrol to deter and detect violations. Special Agents perform the investigative function. They investigate complex civil and criminal violations, performing undercover work, documenting complex underlogging, fraud, and misreporting schemes for prosecution. Both groups use Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving to promote compliance.

5 Ways to Get Hired

Federal Career and Career-Conditional Appointments

U.S. Office of Personnel (OPM), Department of Commerce Demonstration Project (DEMO), or agency Delegated Examining Unit (DEU) vacancy announcements and examining process open to all qualified applicants. For vacancy information: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> or an interactive voice response telephone system at (912) 757-3000 or TDD (912) 744-2299.

Student Educational Employment Program

Student Temporary Employment job opportunities can range from summer jobs to positions that can last for as long as you are a student.

Student Career Experience positions are in work directly related to your academic field of study and may result in permanent employment after you successfully complete your education and meet work requirements.

Requirements:

- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student.
- Meet the minimum age law for the employment of minors.
- Taking at least a half-time course load.
- Meet federal employment citizenship requirements at time of conversion.

Outstanding Scholar Program

A special hiring authority for specific kinds of entry level positions. Applicants must be college graduates and have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for all undergraduate course work, or have graduated in the upper 10 percent of their graduating class or major university subdivision.

Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA)

A special appointing authority for eligible veterans who are hired initially for a two-year period. Employees who successfully complete the two-years are converted to a permanent civil service appointment.

Other Special Appointing Authorities

There are other opportunities for people with disabilities that are described on the USAJOBS web-site under General Information.

For NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Job openings information:

Consult the Western Administrative Service Center Human Resources Division homepage at <http://www.wasc.noaa.gov>, then click on Human Resources Services and NOAA Job Search.

Because we are a small organization, hiring opportunities are limited. However, we are always looking for dedicated people interested in a career in wildlife law enforcement.

For more information concerning employment in the Alaska region, please contact:

Stephen Meyer (Special Agent in Charge) or Jeff Passer (Deputy Special Agent in Charge) at (907) 586-7225